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Mr. Scott Aker
USDA Arboretum
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Washington, DC 20002

Dear Scott:

On June 8, 2006, I conducted an aerial detection survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at the USDA Arboretum. Approximately 0.7 of an acre of moderate defoliation (31-60%) was detected at your site (Figure 1). Similar to last year, it is likely that fall cankerworm, *Alsophila pometaria*, was the cause of defoliation at the National Arboretum.

If you anticipate requesting financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2007, please contact Brad Onken at (304) 285-1546 or me at (304) 285-1555 before August 25, 2006.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey or survey letter.

Sincerely,

Rodney L Whiteman

RODNEY L. WHITEMAN
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Enclosure

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Figure 1. -- Results of the aerial detection survey conducted at the National Arboretum on June 8, 2006.